



American Planning Association
Idaho Chapter

March 23, 2016

The Honorable Jeff C. Siddoway, Chair
Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee
Idaho State Legislature
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720

RE: H606a (URBAN RENEWAL)

Dear Chairman Siddoway:

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Idaho Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Idaho) representing more than 200 local planning officials, private-sector planners, and planning commission members statewide. We wish to register our concern regarding H606a amending Idaho's urban renewal statutes. The APA Idaho Executive Board has reviewed this issue and supports the proposed amendment offered by the Association of Idaho Cities.

APA Idaho suggests that House Bill 606a be amended to allow urban renewal plans created after July 1, 2016 to be amended for economic development purposes without resetting the base assessment value (market valuation used to determined tax increment revenues).

APA Idaho would like to thank all the members of the interim committee, especially Co-Chairs Representative Rick Youngblood and Senator Dan Johnson, for their hard work over the past year. After listening to numerous hours of supporting and opposing testimony for and against urban renewal, we felt the committee responded fairly with sensible legislation. We disagree with the modifications made by the House of Representatives in the drafting of H572, H606 and H606a because it practically disregards a full year's worth of public testimony and collaboration by the interim committee.

APA Idaho urges the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee to amend H606a to allow an urban renewal board to amend an urban renewal plan after July 1, 2016 for unanticipated economic development activities. Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachment 3



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daren Fluke', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Daren Fluke, AICP
President, APA Idaho

Cc: The Honorable Jim Guthrie, Vice Chairman
The Honorable Clifford Bayer
The Honorable Grant Burgoyne
The Honorable Dan Johnson
The Honorable Curt McKenzie
The Honorable Jim Rice
The Honorable Michelle Stennett
The Honorable Steve Vick
Jennifer Carr, SLOC Secretary
The Honorable Rick Youngblood
APA Executive Board
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